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I have the honour to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of a joint statement issued on the occasion of the visit by Laurent-Désiré Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the Republic of Kenya on 6 April 1999 (see annex).

I should be obliged if you would have the text of the joint statement circulated to members of the Council.

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Annex

Joint statement issued on the occasion of the visit by the President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the Republic of Kenya on 6 April 1999

1. At the invitation of His Excellency President Daniel arap Moi, His Excellency President Laurent-Désiré Kabila of the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a two-day visit to Kenya on 6 and 7 April 1999.

2. His Excellency President Moi and His Excellency President Kabila had lengthy discussions focusing on the problems in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and agreed on an urgent need to restore peace in the Congo to enable the people of the Republic to pursue development activities.

3. His Excellency President Kabila expressed his desire for an urgent end to the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and said he was ready for talks with rebels and other stakeholders in the Republic.

4. The two Presidents agreed that the subject of national debate should include the process of acceding to power through popular elections, the question of a new constitutional dispensation and the formulation of laws to govern the formation and operation of political parties.

5. His Excellency President Moi offered Nairobi to be the venue for the all-inclusive talks and further agreed to consult with all parties with a view to inviting the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and all Congolese groups which are stakeholders to attend.